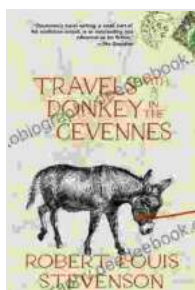


# Travels With Donkey In The Cevennes With Biographical Introduction Penguin

By Robert Louis Stevenson

With a Biographical By Ernest Rhys

*Travels with a Donkey in the Cévennes* is a travelogue by Robert Louis Stevenson, first published in 1879. It recounts a 12-day, 120-mile (190 km) journey that Stevenson took through the Cévennes Mountains in southern France with his donkey, Modestine.



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The book is a classic of travel literature, and has been praised for its vivid descriptions of the landscape, its insights into the life of the people of the Cévennes, and its humor. Stevenson's writing is often lyrical and evocative, and he has a keen eye for detail.

The book begins with Stevenson's arrival in Le Monastier, a small town in the Cévennes. He is immediately struck by the beauty of the landscape, and by the friendliness of the people. He soon purchases Modestine, a donkey that he hopes will carry him on his journey.

Stevenson and Modestine set off on their journey, and they quickly encounter a variety of challenges. The weather is often bad, the terrain is difficult, and Modestine is not always cooperative. However, Stevenson never loses his sense of humor, and he finds ways to overcome every obstacle.

Along the way, Stevenson meets a variety of people, including shepherds, farmers, and innkeepers. He learns about the history and culture of the Cévennes, and he gains a deep appreciation for the people who live there.

The book ends with Stevenson's arrival in Saint-Jean-du-Gard, the end of his journey. He is sad to leave the Cévennes, but he is also grateful for the experience he has had. He has learned a great deal about himself, about the world, and about the importance of friendship.

*Travels with a Donkey in the Cévennes* is a charming and insightful book that is sure to appeal to readers of all ages. It is a classic of travel literature, and it is a book that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

## **Biographical**

Robert Louis Stevenson was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on November 13, 1850. He was the only child of Thomas Stevenson, a civil engineer, and Margaret Isabella Balfour Stevenson. Stevenson's father was a successful

engineer, and he designed many lighthouses and other structures around the coast of Scotland.

Stevenson's mother was a devout Christian, and she raised her son in a strict religious environment. Stevenson was a sickly child, and he spent much of his childhood in bed. He was often tutored by his mother, and he developed a love of reading and writing at an early age.

In 1867, Stevenson began studying engineering at the University of Edinburgh. However, he soon realized that he was not interested in engineering, and he switched to studying law. He graduated from law school in 1875, but he never practiced law.

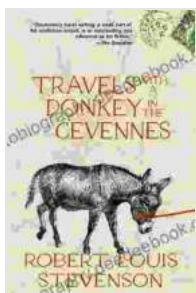
In 1876, Stevenson published his first book, *An Inland Voyage*. The book was a travelogue about a canoe trip that Stevenson had taken through the canals of France and Belgium. *An Inland Voyage* was a critical and commercial success, and it established Stevenson as a writer.

In 1878, Stevenson published *Travels with a Donkey in the Cévennes*. The book was another travelogue, and it was even more successful than *An Inland Voyage*. *Travels with a Donkey in the Cévennes* is considered to be one of Stevenson's best works, and it is still widely read today.

Stevenson continued to write throughout his life, and he published a number of novels, short stories, and essays. He is best known for his adventure novels, such as *Treasure Island* (1883) and *Kidnapped* (1886). Stevenson also wrote a number of poems, including "A Child's Garden of Verses" (1885).

Stevenson died in Samoa on December 3, 1894. He was 44 years old.

A young man, Robert Louis Stevenson, sets out on a journey through the Cévennes Mountains in southern France with his donkey, Modestine. Along the way, he encounters a variety of challenges, but he never loses his sense of humor. He learns a great deal about himself, about the world, and about the importance of friendship.



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